

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims as indicated below:

Claims 1-43 (canceled)

44. (currently amended) A drum, comprising:

a resonant chamber having an external surface capable of being struck by a player of said drum, ~~said external surface being able to produce~~ drum for producing a range of sounds;

means for altering said range of sounds produced by the player when striking said external surface comprising a plurality of internal snares for contacting an internal surface of said external surface for altering said range of sounds; and,

means for moving said plurality of internal snares away from said internal surface comprising a member passing beneath said plurality of internal snares, along a length thereof and movable between a first position and a second position, wherein said plurality of internal snares about said internal surface in said first position and, in said second position, said plurality of internal snares are displaced from said internal surface.

45. (previously presented) The drum according to Claim 44, wherein said member passing beneath said plurality of internal snares has an extension extending beyond said resonant chamber that is manipulable by the player for modifying said plurality of internal snares.

46. (previously presented) The drum according to Claim 44, wherein said plurality of internal snares are wires.

47. (previously presented) The drum according to Claim 44, wherein said plurality of internal snares extend between two sides of said internal surface.

48. (previously presented) A drum, comprising:
a resonant chamber having an external surface for producing a range of sounds when said external surface is struck by a player of said drum;
means for altering said range of sounds produced by the player when striking said external surface; and,
a bass drum stick within said resonant chamber, said bass drum stick having a handle and a head with an end of said handle positioned distal from said head and being mounted for partial rotation, so that said head selectively contacts an inner surface of said resonant chamber in a striking manner.

49. (previously presented) The drum according to Claim 48, further comprising means for biasing said head of said bass drum stick away from said inner surface of said resonant chamber.

50. (previously presented) The drum according to Claim 48, further comprising a foot pedal operable by the player for causing said partial rotation of said head of said bass drum stick for causing said head to strike said inner surface.

Claims 51 – 69 (canceled)

70. (new) The drum according to Claim 44, further comprising means for folding said drum for permitting storage or transportation thereof.

71. (new) The drum according to Claim 48, further comprising means for folding said drum for permitting storage or transportation thereof.